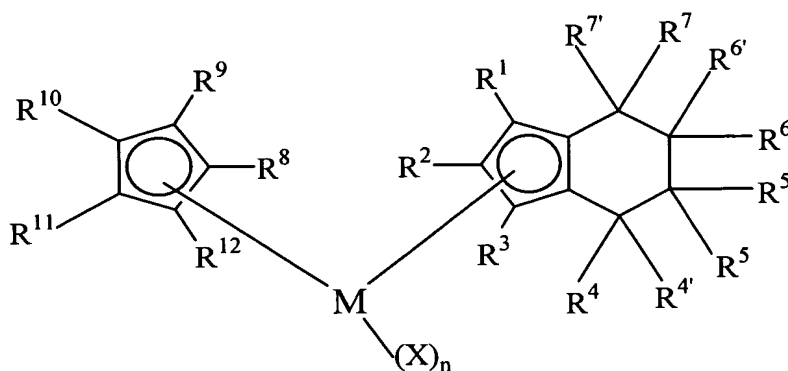


CLASS OF METALLOCENES AND METHOD OF PRODUCING POLYETHYLENE

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a catalyst system and a method of making polyethylene using the catalyst system, the method comprising combining ethylene; an activator; and a metallocene catalyst compound; wherein in one embodiment the metallocene catalyst compound is selected from:



wherein M is a Group 4 atom; X is a leaving group; n is an integer from 0 to 3; and R¹ to R¹² are independently selected from hydrides, halogens, hydroxy, C₁ to C₆ alkoxys, C₁ to C₆ alkenyls, and C₁ to C₁₀ alkyls; characterized in that when the comonomer is 1-hexene, and the mole ratio of 1-hexene to ethylene combined is varied between 0.015 to 0.05, the density of the resultant polyethylene changes by less than 5 % and the I₂₁/I₂ varies from 10 to 150.